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Sir:

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With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications;

1. United States Serial Number 09/760,384, filed January 11, 2001 and U.S.S.N. 09/904,175, filed July 11, 2001.
2. U.S.S.N. 09/295,691, filed April 21, 1999.

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3. U.S.S.N. 09/397,957, filed September 17, 1999.

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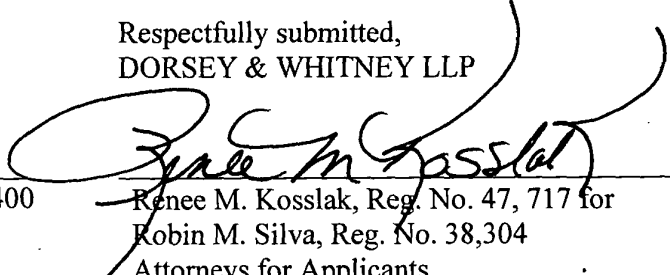
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